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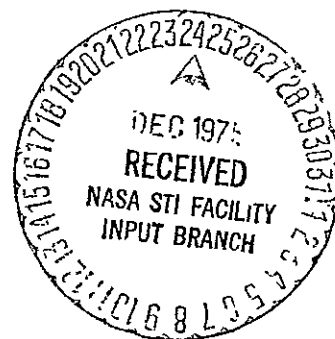
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FOREWORD

This report summarizes the research initiated under NASA Research Grant No. NSG 1030 and continued under NASA Research Grant No. NSG 1111. The purpose of this work has been to develop global tropospheric pollution models that describe the transport and the physical and chemical processes occurring between the principal sources and sinks of  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{CO}$ .

The report is divided into two chapters describing (1) the model development and description, and (2) the results of long term static chemical kinetic computer simulations and preliminary short term dynamic simulations. The work on the dynamic transport/chemistry model simulations is continuing.

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## NOMENCLATURE

c	molar concentration of species in the air, kmol/meter <sup>3</sup>
c <sub>g</sub> , c <sub>s</sub> , etc.	molar concentration of species in the absorbing phase, kmol/meter <sup>3</sup>
c*	molar concentration of species in the air if the ocean and air phases were in equilibrium, kmol/meter <sup>3</sup>
C	molar density of air, kmol/meter <sup>3</sup>
F	molar convective flux, kmol/meter <sup>2</sup> /second
$\mathcal{F}$	molar flux at boundary, kmol/meter <sup>2</sup> /second
J	molar diffusive flux, kmol/meter <sup>2</sup> /second
H	Henry's Law constant, dimensionless
k	reaction rate constant - first order reaction, second <sup>-1</sup> , second order reaction, meters <sup>3</sup> /kmole/second
k <sub>g</sub>	mass transfer coefficient, meters/second
K	absorption coefficient, meter <sup>-1</sup>
M	Molecular weight, kgrams/kmole
O( )	order of magnitude
p	pressure, newtons/meter <sup>2</sup>
r	radial coordinate position, meters
R	ideal gas law constant, 8.314 X 10 <sup>3</sup> joules/kmole/°K
R	molar species generation by chemical reaction, kmol/meter <sup>3</sup> /second
S	species source at boundary, kmol/meter <sup>2</sup> /second
t	time, seconds
T	temperature, °K
u	velocity in the $\phi$ -direction, meters/second
v	velocity in the $\theta$ -direction, meters/second

w	velocity in the r-direction, meters/second
x	mole fraction (volumetric mixing ratio) of methane, dimensionless
y	mole fraction (volumetric mixing ratio) of formaldehyde, dimensionless
z	mole fraction (volumetric mixing ratio) of carbon monoxide, dimensionless
$\alpha_1$	dimensionless constant, Equation (50)
$\alpha_2$	dimensionless constant, Equation (51)
$\Delta$ -	incremental change in variable
$\Delta$	representative grid interval, meters
$\varepsilon$	turbulent eddy diffusivity, meters <sup>2</sup> /second
$\varepsilon_0$	kinetic energy dissipation rate, meters <sup>2</sup> /second <sup>3</sup>
$\theta$	coordinate position relative to equator, degrees
$\phi$	coordinate position, degrees
$\omega$	vorticity, second <sup>-1</sup>

#### Subscripts

G	ground level
i	grid point in $\phi$ -coordinate
j	grid point in $\theta$ -coordinate
k	grid point in r-coordinate
$\ell$	absorbing phase
P	pollutant
PS	pollutant soil product
S	soil
T	tropopause

## Superscripts

n	time level
r	r-direction
v	volumetric averaged
x	methane
y	formaldehyde
z	carbon monoxide
$\theta$	$\theta$ -direction
$\phi$	$\phi$ -direction
-	grid scale averaging operator

## CHAPTER 1

## MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Transport/chemistry models that describe the circulation of a species in the atmosphere can be extremely beneficial in understanding the physical and chemical processes occurring between the sources and sinks of a pollutant. In this chapter, such a model for the methane-carbon monoxide system is discussed. The model considers the physico-chemical action of these pollutants in the troposphere. This restriction is convenient since the tropopause provides a natural boundary across which little transport occurs. The data on sources and sinks for these pollutants is discussed, and the estimates of these strengths are based on the best available information relative to the major anthropogenic and natural contributions. The incorporation of the source-sink descriptions into the model is discussed in detail.

The distribution and concentrations of methane and carbon monoxide in the atmosphere are interrelated by the chemical reactions in which they participate. A chemical kinetic model based on the pseudo-steady state approximation for the intermediate species and for inclusion in the species continuity equation was developed to account for these reactions. Therefore, mass conservation equations are only required for the methane and carbon monoxide.

The numerical procedure employed to mathematically describe the transport/chemistry is a mass conservative scheme employing an integral flux approach. It is fourth-order accurate in space which is desirable

in simulating convective processes in three space dimensions. Since computer storage places restrictions on the scale of transport processes that are explicitly calculated, smaller scale mixing is described using an artificial diffusivity. This is analogous to the concept of the artificial viscosity which is useful in the global circulation models. The results of the computer simulations using this model will be discussed in the next chapter.

## INTRODUCTION

Global transport/chemistry models of pollutants can be employed to analyze the circulation of pollution from its sources to sinks. Furthermore, these models can be significant in placing anthropogenic sources in proper perspective on a global scale. In this chapter and the subsequent chapter, the development and the computer simulation results of a tropospheric global model for methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) and carbon monoxide ( $\text{CO}$ ) are presented.

The analysis is accomplished by geographically distributing the sources and sinks of  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ , and  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ , and simulating their convective and diffusive transport by numerical solution on the computer of the three dimensional turbulent diffusion equation. The atmospheric phenomena of these species are coupled through atmospheric chemical reactions that occur. Thus, the species must be considered simultaneously. Generally speaking, the oxidation of methane produces formaldehyde which decomposes to carbon monoxide. Other sources and



sinks of these pollutants are, of course, operating.

Most analyses to the present have utilized a global residence time approach<sup>(cf., 1,2,3,4,5)</sup>. Models incorporating a multiplicity of sources and sinks have not generally been attempted. The model that is described employs known source and sink strength data, the atmospheric chemistry of the pollutants in question, monthly averaged climatological data, and the turbulent diffusion equation for  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO to establish global concentration distributions.

#### PHYSICO-CHEMICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The model development is restricted to the troposphere. This is a logical boundary since the tropopause provides a natural surface through which the rate of mass transfer is relatively low. Furthermore, the photolytic decomposition of  $\text{CO}_2$  appears to be unimportant as a source of CO in the troposphere<sup>(6)</sup>, and this enables one to decouple the CO transport from the  $\text{CO}_2$  transport. The sources and sinks of methane, formaldehyde, and carbon monoxide will be briefly reviewed to provide a better appreciation of this complex system. Figure 1 illustrates the principal interactions that occur.

#### Sources and Sinks of $\text{CH}_4$

The sources and sinks of methane appear to be reasonably well understood at the present. The anthropogenic sources are largely the result of internal combustion engines and oil drilling and refinery operations. These emissions can be fairly well mapped based on automobile density and industrial activities.

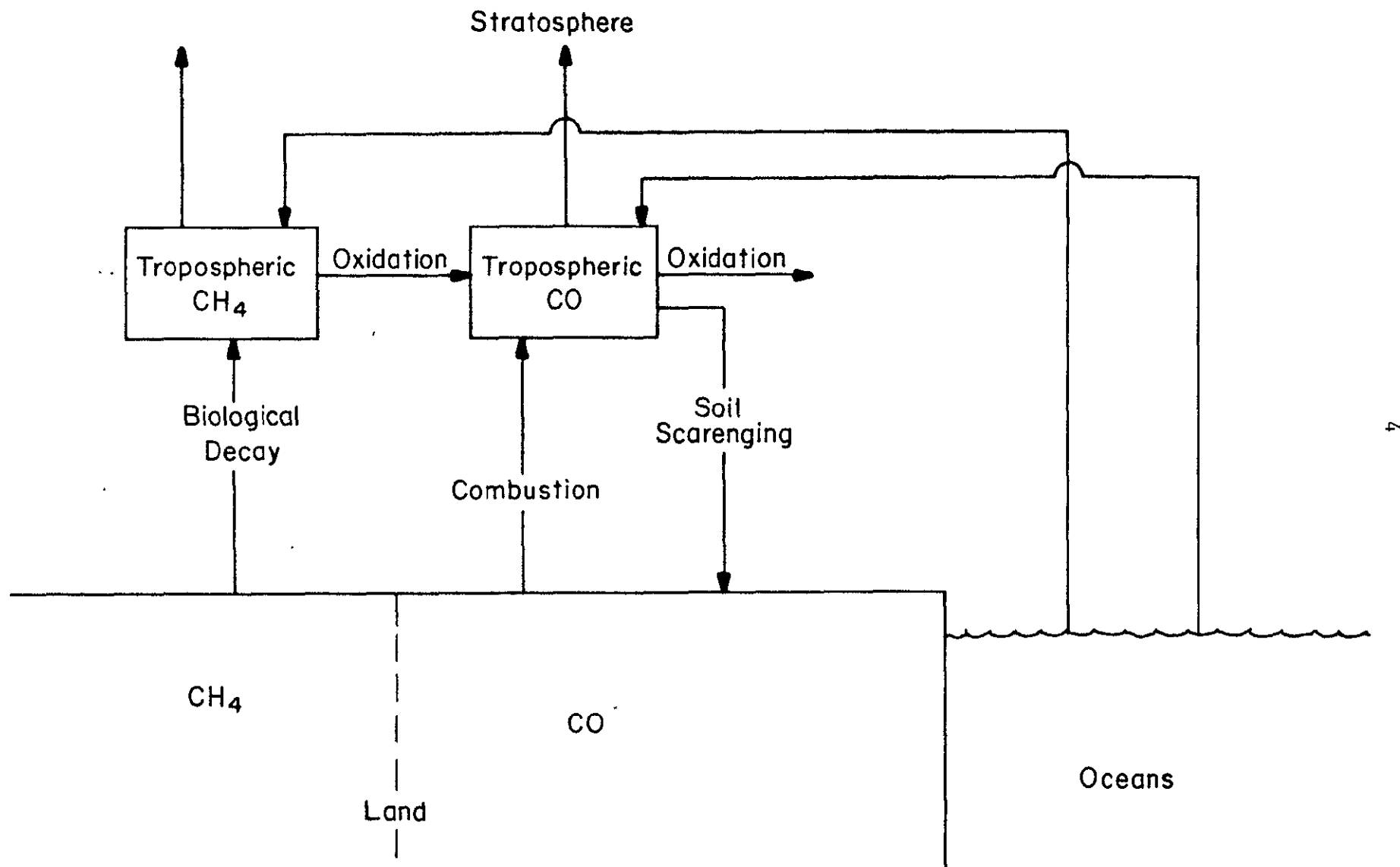


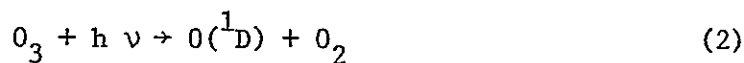
Figure 1  
Schematic of the Methane-Carbon Monoxide Interactions

The natural sources apparently far out strip the man made sources - the principal ones being decaying vegetation and other biological action. Some of this biological action occurs within marine environments, and as a result the surface waters of the oceans, bays, and rivers appear to be supersaturated with methane. Lamontagne, Swinnerton, Linnenbom, and Smith<sup>(7)</sup> have reported equivalent surface ocean and sea water concentrations about 1.2 to 1.7 times the corresponding atmospheric concentrations. Specifically in open tropical ocean waters, the surface concentrations ( $4.7 \times 10^{-5}$  ml/l) corresponded to an equilibrium atmospheric concentration of 1.80 ppm, whereas the measured atmospheric concentrations averaged 1.38 ppm. Bay and river waters appear to be even more heavily supersaturated. Their results specifically cited the following supersaturation ratios: Chesapeake Bay - 14.3, York River - 21.2, Mississippi River - 5.67, Potomac River - 36.0. These values may also be affected by local pollution problems. The data of Brooks and Sackett<sup>(8)</sup> on the coastal waters of the Gulf of Mexico generally support Lamontagne et al's results. However, they report that in the Yucutan area, where there is a major upwelling of deep water with low hydrocarbon concentration, the Gulf of Mexico acts as a sink for methane.

The principal sink mechanism for methane appears to be in the homogeneous gas phase reaction of methane with hydroxyl radicals.



The methyl radical can subsequently undergo reactions which result in formaldehyde and ultimately in CO formation. Thus, this sink for methane provides one natural source for formaldehyde and carbon monoxide. The following sequence of reactions is responsible for producing the hydroxyl radical<sup>(2)</sup>.



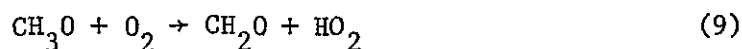
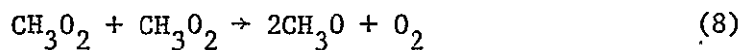
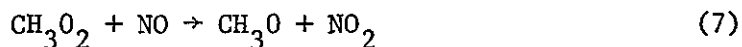
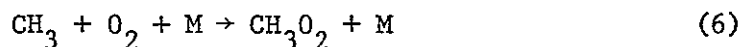
It will be noted later that the hydroxyl and atomic oxygen (O) are also important in reactions with CO.

#### Sources and Sinks of CH<sub>2</sub>O

The anthropogenic sources of formaldehyde appear to be relatively small - the main ones being direct emission from automobile exhaust and formation during photochemical smog episodes. These estimates can be fairly reliably based on past auto exhaust emission estimates and studies.

The only apparent natural source for CH<sub>2</sub>O is from the methane oxidation just cited. Levy<sup>(9,10)</sup> and McConnell, McElroy, and Wofsy<sup>(11)</sup> have suggested the following steps in the formation of formaldehyde by this mechanism.





Thus, the formaldehyde formation and concentration is directly coupled to the methane distribution.

The main sink for formaldehyde is in the photochemical decomposition and reaction with hydroxyl radicals. The following reactions appear to be important (9,10,11).



The production of CHO also leads to carbon monoxide formation via (13,14)



Therefore, the source and sink distribution of formaldehyde is primarily due to homogeneous gas phase reactions and is coupled to the methane and carbon monoxide distributions.

## Sources and Sinks of CO

Bortner, Kummeler, and Jaffe<sup>(2)</sup> and, more recently, Seiler<sup>(12)</sup> have summarized the sources, sinks, and concentrations of carbon monoxide. A very significant feature of the global distribution of CO is the difference of the mixing ratios found in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. North of the intertropical convergence zone typical concentrations over oceans are 0.15 ppm - 0.20 ppm, whereas south of the intertropical convergence zone the CO mixing ratios drop rather rapidly to 0.08 ppm. Seiler<sup>(12)</sup> has summarized most of the data on which these results are based, and he suggests average tropospheric concentrations of 0.15 ppm and 0.08 ppm in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, respectively.

The world-wide anthropogenic sources are estimated to be in excess of 300 million tons/year with two-thirds or more resulting from motor vehicle emissions. The remainder is distributed between stationary combustion sources, industrial processing, and incineration. Therefore, these sources are distributed largely according to motor vehicle density.

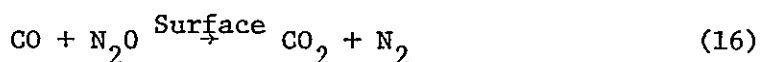
The major natural sources of carbon monoxide appear to be the oceans, forest fires, terpene photochemistry, and gas phase reactions. The studies of Junge, Seiler, and Warneck<sup>(4)</sup>, Seiler and Junge<sup>(13)</sup>, Swinnerton, Linnenbom, and Check<sup>(14)</sup>, Lamontagne, Swinnerton, and Linnenbom<sup>(15)</sup> and Swinnerton and Lamontagne<sup>(16)</sup> indicate that the level of excess CO in the ocean corresponds to an equilibrium air phase concentration of about 3.5 ppm. These data were obtained during ocean cruises. The recent data of Meadows and Spedding<sup>(17)</sup>, however, suggest

that the degree of supersaturation may not be nearly as large. The previously mentioned studies based their calculations on CO solubility obtained for pure CO in the gas phase at pressures greater than or equal to one atmosphere. Meadows and Spedding, on the other hand, conducted experiments in distilled water and seawater where the gas phase CO concentration was in the 3 ppm - 18 ppm range and found the solubilities to be more than eight times as high. These data would suggest that the oceanic source strength is not nearly as large as the other workers have suggested and that the equilibrium air phase concentration may be more like 0.3 ppm to 0.4 ppm rather than 3.5 ppm.

It is, of course, reasonable to expect that the river, lake, or ocean regions near urban areas, where the atmospheric CO concentrations may be considerably larger than 3.5 ppm, may act as a sink for CO. Furthermore, it is possible that the oceans at the high latitudes serve as a sink for CO produced by oceans at the low latitudes. This would be expected since the warmer tropical waters would likely have a higher biological activity producing more CO. With the warmer water, the solubility of CO is reduced. Transport over colder waters with greater CO solubility capacity would create the possibility of these sections acting as a sink for CO. Thus, it is plausible that the oceans act as both a source and sink for CO. Similar arguments could be made for methane.

In addition to terpene photochemistry and forest fires (combined sources are estimated at  $23 \times 10^6$  ton/year<sup>(18)</sup>), another principal natural source of CO appears to be the gas phase reactions cited

earlier. The estimate of the gas phase oxidation of  $\text{CH}_4$  to CO is directly related to the hydroxyl concentration. Since there have been no direct measurements made of the hydroxyl radical concentration, there is considerable uncertainty as to the magnitude of this source of CO. Various estimates place this anywhere up to ten times the anthropogenic source<sup>(12,19)</sup>. However, the relatively slow inter-hemispheric transport<sup>(20)</sup> from the north to south and the substantial differences in the CO concentration between the two hemispheres would suggest much lower estimates since the gas phase oxidation would not be favored in either hemisphere. The reactions forming CO cannot be divorced from the reactions which consume CO, of which the following seem to be important<sup>(2)</sup>.



Reaction (16)<sup>(21,22,23,24,25)</sup> is reportedly first order in CO but zeroth order in  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ . This is a surface catalyzed reaction and would require, for complete accuracy, detailed information on the atmospheric aerosol as to size distribution and chemical composition. Since these data are very scarce, there is considerable uncertainty in employing Reaction (16) in any model.



Reaction (17) has been suggested by Westenberg<sup>(26)</sup> to be important in atmospheric pollution problems. However, the results of Davis, Wong, Payne, and Stief<sup>(27)</sup> indicate that it is unimportant in the overall oxidation processes of CO. As a result, the present model development ignores Reaction(17).

Another natural sink of CO of seemingly large significance is the soil. The work of Inman<sup>(28)</sup>, Liebl<sup>(29)</sup>, Inman, Ingersoll, and Levy<sup>(30)</sup>, Ingersoll and Inman<sup>(31)</sup>, and Ingersoll, Inman, and Fisher<sup>(32)</sup>, point up this significance. The field studies of Inman, Ingersoll and co-workers exposed soils in situ and in the laboratory to test atmospheres containing 100 ppm of CO. These showed average uptake rates that varied from 1.1 mg CO/hr m<sup>2</sup> to 64.5 mg CO/hr m<sup>2</sup>. On the low end were soils under cultivation and desert areas, and on the high end were tropical deciduous forest areas and soils near roadways. By using an average concentration driving force of 50 ppm CO and assuming conditions of atmospheric pressure and 20°C, the mass transfer coefficient at the surface corresponds to  $5.27 \times 10^{-6}$  m/sec and  $3.09 \times 10^{-4}$  m/sec, respectively. The data of Liebl<sup>(29)</sup> were obtained at more realistic CO mixing ratios - on the order of 0.25 ppm - than that of Inman, Ingersoll and co-workers. Liebl also showed uptake of CO by the soils. In addition, he showed a CO production capability when the air above the soil was initially free of any CO. These data indicate, as Seiler and Junge<sup>(13)</sup> have suggested, that at low concentrations (around 0.2 ppm at 25°C) a temperature dependent equilibrium of CO above soils occurs. However, for soil temperatures below 20°C, the CO mixing ratio continued to decrease to a value lower than 2 ppb. If this is

truly the case, then the soils can act as either sinks or sources for carbon monoxide in much the same manner as do the oceans. Evaluation of exchange coefficients based on Liebl's data indicates a value an order of magnitude or so larger. However, this may simply be indicative of soil difference since he used soil obtained from a greenhouse.

These scattered values are probably indicative of the rate of the biological reaction that is occurring near the surface of the soil and may simply be representative of the type and concentration of the soil micro-organisms utilizing CO. One of the big uncertainties relative to soil scavenging is the determination of which fraction of these micro-organisms are anaerobic methane-producing<sup>(33)</sup> and what fraction are aerobic CO<sub>2</sub> producing.

A source and/or sink common to all three species is leakage from and/or to the stratosphere. Since the initial model is restricted to the troposphere, this leakage must be considered as sources and/or sinks. In the specific case of CO, leakage from the troposphere to the stratosphere is reasonable to expect since the CO that escapes thru the tropopause will typically undergo chemical reactions and not return to the troposphere as CO. This is substantiated by the vertical profiles of CO which show a decrease of CO mixing ratio with height above the tropopause<sup>(34)</sup>. The leakage of CH<sub>4</sub> thru the tropopause appears to be similar to that for CO since vertical profiles of CH<sub>4</sub> also show a decrease with increasing altitude above the tropopause<sup>(35,36)</sup>.

# MATHEMATICAL MODEL

The transport of a gaseous compound in the atmosphere is mathematically described by the species continuity equation with the inclusion of any homogeneous generation or loss terms. By distributing the sources and sinks of the various species on the Earth's surface and at the tropopause consistent with the physico-chemical considerations, the appropriate boundary conditions can be incorporated into the solution.

## Mathematical Overview

The diffusion equation written in spherical coordinates using the turbulent eddy diffusivity concept is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u}{r \cos \theta} \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial \phi} = \\ \frac{\epsilon}{C} \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 C \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial r}) + \frac{1}{r^2 \cos \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\cos \theta C \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial \theta}) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{r^2 \cos^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (C \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial \phi}) \right] + \frac{1}{C} (R_A + \hat{R}_A) \end{aligned} \quad (18).$$

In Equation (18) the eddy diffusivity has been assumed constant, and  $x_A$  is the mole fraction of species A, expressible as ppm by volume if so desired; C is the molar density, which for air can be determined by using the ideal gas law ( $C = \frac{P}{RT}$ );  $R_A$  is the generation or loss of species A by chemical reaction; and  $\hat{R}_A$  is a term which accounts for the effects of turbulence on the chemical reaction<sup>(37)</sup>. The latter term arises

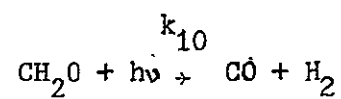
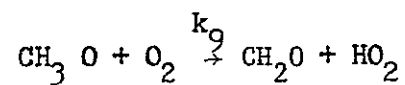
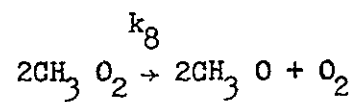
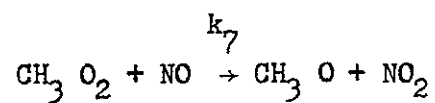
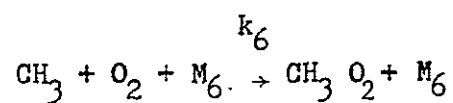
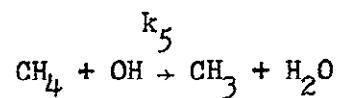
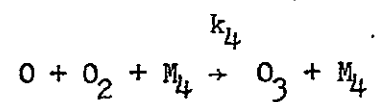
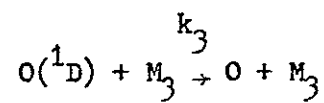
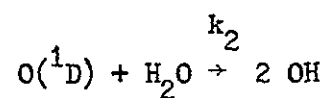
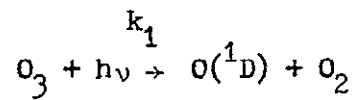
from turbulent fluctuations in the species concentrations. For a single first order chemical reaction  $\hat{R}_A$  is zero, but for more complex chemical kinetics this term is not zero. However, in many cases this term is relatively unimportant and in the future development,  $\hat{R}_A$  will be considered to be zero.

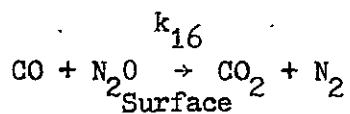
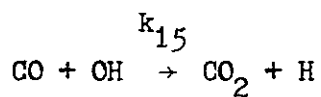
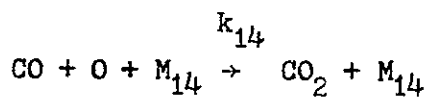
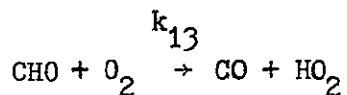
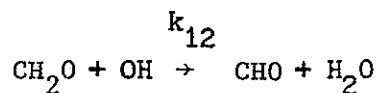
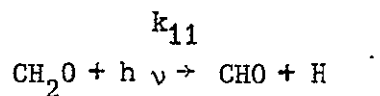
Due to the well known closure problem caused by the introduction of fluctuating quantities, one is usually forced to parameterize the turbulent quantities. Perhaps the easiest and most commonly used procedure to solve the closure problem is to introduce the eddy diffusivity as has been done in Equation (18). There is one problem that should be recognized with the use of the eddy diffusivity. Since the time scale associated with atmospheric motion can be quite large, unlike that in the more frequently encountered boundary layer flows, the duration of time averaging must generally be relatively long to include all fluctuations. In fact, this length of time is prohibitively long, and one must be satisfied with averaging times that are short in comparison. As a result, the eddy diffusivities that are used must be consistent with this concept and are directly dependent upon the time and length scale of the averaging.

As Equation (18) now stands, numerical solution is required. However, it is further complicated by the highly non-linear character of the generation term. The problems associated with the numerical solution are discussed in the next section.

## Chemical Reaction Model

Based on the considerations presented previously, the following reaction sequence currently seems plausible to describe the generation terms.





By considering this mechanism, the generation term for methane can be written as

$$R_{\text{CH}_4} = -k_5 c_{\text{CH}_4} c_{\text{OH}} \quad (19),$$

and for  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  it becomes

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}} = & k_9 c_{\text{CH}_3\text{O}} c_{\text{O}_2} - (k_{10} + k_{11}) c_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}} \\ & - k_{12} c_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}} c_{\text{OH}} \end{aligned} \quad (20).$$

Finally, the generation term for CO is

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\text{CO}} = & k_{10} c_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}} + k_{13} c_{\text{CHO}} c_{\text{O}_2} - k_{14} c_{\text{CO}} c_{\text{O}} c_{\text{M}_{14}} \\ & - k_{15} c_{\text{CO}} c_{\text{OH}} - k_{16} c_{\text{CO}} \end{aligned} \quad (21).$$

In order to evaluate Equations (19) thru (21), it is necessary to know the concentrations of the various radical species involved. The pseudo-steady state approximation can be used to obtain these estimates. Let us digress momentarily and discuss the pseudo-steady state approximation since it has only been infrequently used for geochemical problems. If one considers the reaction sequence to be occurring in a static system, the set of ordinary differential equations that describes the chemical kinetics is representative of a stiff system. A system of differential equations is said to be stiff if the characteristic time constants of the individual steps vary greatly, i.e., the rate constants are substantially different. Such is the case with the current system. Characteristic of the solution behavior of these systems is a very rapid initial change in some variables (these are said to be the stiff variables) followed by a slowly varying state. Over this time period, the non-stiff variables may change little or not at all.

The numerical solution of stiff systems presents great computational difficulties, and a substantial literature (c.f., Reference (38) as a recent summation of the state of the art) has been developed around their solution. For absolute numerical stability of the system, most integration schemes require that the time step be less than the smallest characteristic time constant. Numerical integration schemes such as the Gear package<sup>(39)</sup> are attempts at circumventing this problem.

The pseudo-steady state approximation is another way of circumventing this problem if the variables of interest are the non-stiff ones. For the

current situation, this is true since our principal interests are with  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{CO}$ . By exploiting the pseudo-steady state approximation, we can reduce a stiff system to a non-stiff system with little change in the accuracy of the non-stiff variables. As an aside, Lapidus, Aiken, and Liu<sup>(40)</sup> have shown that the pseudo-steady state approximation can actually improve the accuracy in certain very stiff systems where the computation time, by practical considerations, limits the smallness of the integration time step.

The intermediate species, or stiff variables, exist in very low concentrations due to their high reactivity. As such they adjust to perturbations in the concentrations of  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ , or  $\text{CO}$  very rapidly. These transients only last for fractions of a second (on the order of  $10^{-5}$  seconds and smaller) and the pseudo-steady state approximation is thus valid for time scales larger than this. This will be discussed in more detail later.

Using the pseudo-steady state approximation and assuming that the concentrations of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ , and the third bodies ( $M_3$ ,  $M_4$ ,  $M_{14}$ ) can be reliably specified, the results are

$$R_{\text{CH}_4} = - \frac{2k_1 k_2 k_5 c_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} c_{\text{O}_3} c_{\text{CH}_4}}{(k_5 c_{\text{CH}_4} + k_{12} c_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}} + k_{15} c_{\text{CO}}) (k_2 c_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + k_3 c_{M_3})} \quad (22),$$

$$R_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}} = \frac{2k_1 k_2 c_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} c_{\text{O}_3} (k_5 c_{\text{CH}_4} - k_{12} c_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}})}{(k_5 c_{\text{CH}_4} + k_{12} c_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}} + k_{15} c_{\text{CO}}) (k_2 c_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + k_3 c_{M_3})} - (k_{10} + k_{11}) c_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}} \quad (23),$$



and

$$R_{CO} = (k_{10} + k_{11})c_{CH_2O} + \frac{2k_1k_2c_{H_2O}c_{O_3}(k_{12}c_{CH_2O} - k_{15}c_{CO})}{(k_5c_{CH_4} + k_{12}c_{CH_2O} + k_{15}c_{CO})(k_2c_{H_2O} + k_3c_{M_3})} - \frac{k_1k_3k_{14}c_{O_3}c_{M_3}c_{M_{14}}c_{CO}}{(k_2c_{H_2O} + k_3c_{M_3})(k_4c_{O_2}c_{M_4} + k_{14}c_{CO}c_{M_{14}})} - k_{16}c_{CO} \quad (24).$$

#### Interaction with Oceans

In solving the turbulent diffusion equation, the boundary condition establishes whether the surface acts as a source or sink, or is passive to the transport process. This boundary condition is written as

$$- \epsilon_r \left. \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \right|_{r=R} = k_\ell (c_{\ell_b} - c_\ell|_{r=R}) \quad (25).$$

In Equation (25),  $c$  is the air phase concentration of the species,  $c_{\ell_b}$  is the bulk concentration of the species in the ocean phase,  $c_\ell|_{r=R}$  is the concentration on the ocean phase side of the interface, and  $k_\ell$  is the ocean phase turbulent exchange coefficient. For sufficiently dilute systems, Henry's Law can be used to relate gas phase and liquid phase concentrations at the interface. If  $H$  is Henry's Law constant, then for equilibrium at the ocean-air interface

$$c|_{r=R} = H c_\ell|_{r=R} \quad (26).$$

Thus the boundary condition is written as

$$\left. \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \right|_{r=R} = \frac{k_\ell}{\epsilon_r H} (c|_{r=R} - c_\ell^*) \quad (27),$$

where  $c_\ell^*$  represents the air phase concentration if the ocean and air were in equilibrium; i.e.,

$$c_\ell^* = H c_{\ell_b} \quad (28).$$

From this point the absorption coefficient,  $K_\ell$ , is used for convenience.

$$K_\ell = \frac{k_\ell}{\epsilon_r H} \quad (29)$$

Absorption (ocean operating as a sink) would be determined by  $c|_{r=R} > c_\ell^*$ , and desorption (ocean operating as a source) would be determined by  $c|_{r=R} < c_\ell^*$ .

The estimation of  $K_\ell$  presents some difficulties and uncertainties. Henry's Law constant may be the least uncertain quantity and is known fairly accurately for distribution between air and fresh water.  $H$  depends on the water temperature and generally increases for increasing water temperature. Obviously this effect must be taken into account. Less certain is the estimate of  $k_\ell$ . Okubo<sup>(41)</sup> presents representative values of the vertical oceanic eddy diffusivity in the Cape Kennedy area to be  $1.3 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$  to  $10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$ . If the film model for mass

transfer is used to estimate  $k_\ell$  and if the film thickness is assumed to be the 70 meter thick upper-ocean layer, then using the mid-range that Okubo has cited (i.e.,  $10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$ )

$$k_\ell = \frac{10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}}{70 \text{ m}} = 1.43 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/sec} \quad (30).$$

This value of  $k_\ell$  agrees reasonably well with values estimated from Broecker, Li, and Peng's<sup>(42)</sup> report of the  $\text{CO}_2$  flux ( $k_\ell = 3.31 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/sec}$ ) and Junge, Seiler, and Warneck's<sup>(4)</sup> estimate of the oceanic  $\text{CO}$  source strength ( $k_\ell = 0.410 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/sec}$ ). Values of  $\epsilon_r$  which must be based on the grid mesh size in order to realistically simulate the subgrid scale mixing processes will be discussed later.

As long as  $H$  and  $c_\ell^*$  are known for the particular species, the boundary condition then accounts for the operation of the ocean as a source or a sink. For example,  $c_\ell^*$  for  $\text{CO}$  appears to be around 3.5 ppm (although the results of Meadows and Spedding<sup>(17)</sup> indicate a possibly much lower value) and for  $\text{CH}_4$  it is around 1.8 ppm.

#### Interaction with Soils

Interaction with soils is a combination of physical, chemical, and biological actions. However, if one assumes a very simple scheme of a general pollutant  $P$  interacting with the soil  $S$ , a result analogous to that for the oceans is obtained. For example, consider



Then

$$-\epsilon_r \left. \frac{\partial c_P}{\partial r} \right|_{r=R} = k''_s c_{PS} - k'_s c_S c_P \quad (33).$$

If  $c_S$  and  $c_{PS}$  are relatively constant and in large excess one obtains

$$-\epsilon_r \left. \frac{\partial c_P}{\partial r} \right|_{r=R} = k_s (c_S^* - c_P) \quad (34),$$

where  $c_S^*$  is the equilibrium concentration. This is the quantity to which Seiler and Junge<sup>(13)</sup> ascribe the value of about 0.2 ppm at 25°C for CO. Furthermore,  $k_s$  corresponds to the mass transfer coefficient determined from the work of Ingersoll and Inman<sup>(31)</sup> and Liebl<sup>(29)</sup> with CO. Unfortunately, data determined with CO cannot be extended to other species, such as  $CH_4$ , as is possible with the ocean absorption. This is readily appreciated since the soil's chemical and biological action would be different for each species.

#### Leakage to the Troposphere

Leakage to or from the troposphere creates what may be classified as artificial sources or sinks. If a complete atmospheric global dispersion model were the object, these effects would not be realized as sources and sinks. However, model complexity precludes such considerations in the initial simulation.

As a first approximation, the tropopause can be considered as a zero-flux boundary. This would be expressed as

$$-\epsilon_r \left. \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \right|_{r=\text{Tropopause}} = F_T \quad (35),$$

where  $F_T$  is zero for the zero flux boundary condition. However, most investigations indicate that  $F_T$ , although small, is not zero. Specifically, the analyses of Seiler and Warneck<sup>(43)</sup> and Machta<sup>(44)</sup> indicate that for CO,  $F_T \sim 5 \times 10^{-11}$  gCO/m<sup>2</sup> sec. With this value of  $F_T$  the concentration gradient is quite small and changes in the CO concentration in the upper kilometer or so of the troposphere are less than 0.1%, even for modest values of the eddy diffusivity. Thus, a zero flux condition is a valid first approximation.

#### NUMERICAL MODEL

In the previous section, the physico-chemical model was described. In this section, the numerical treatment is discussed.

##### Convective Difference Schemes

One of the primary objectives of numerical schemes for convective problems is to preserve conservation of mass. Some procedures, therefore, employ a flux approach to numerically simulate the problem rather than directly finite-differencing the partial differential equation. These methods have been found very useful in numerical solution of the Navier-Stokes equations and have received significant attention<sup>(45-56)</sup>, especially with regard to turbulent flow calculations and atmospheric fluid motion problems. One of the advantages to solving Equation (18), as compared to the Navier-Stokes equations, is that it has linear convective terms whereas the latter contains nonlinear convective terms. However, the generation terms in Equation (18) do introduce

non-linearities in the proposed studies.

Consider the difference element illustrated in Figure 2. By applying the conservation of mass for any particular species the following equation can be written.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \frac{c_{i,j,k}^{n+1} - c_{i,j,k}^n}{\Delta t} \right) 8r_k^2 \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi \Delta \theta \Delta r = (F_{i-1,j,k}^\phi + J_{i-1,j,k}^\phi \\
 & - F_{i+1,j,k}^\phi - J_{i+1,j,k}^\phi) 4r_k \Delta \theta \Delta r + (\cos \theta_{j-1} F_{i,j-1,k}^\theta + \cos \theta_{j-1} J_{i,j-1,k}^\theta \\
 & - \cos \theta_{j+1} F_{i,j+1,k}^\theta - \cos \theta_{j+1} J_{i,j+1,k}^\theta) 4r_k \Delta \phi \Delta r + (r_{k-1}^2 F_{i,j,k-1}^r + r_{k-1}^2 J_{i,j,k-1}^r \\
 & - r_{k+1}^2 F_{i,j,k+1}^r - r_{k+1}^2 J_{i,j,k+1}^r) 4 \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi \Delta \theta + R_{i,j,k}^v 8r_k^2 \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi \Delta \theta \Delta r \quad (36)
 \end{aligned}$$

In Equation (36),  $i$ ,  $j$ , and  $k$  refer to the grid point in the  $\phi$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $r$  directions, respectively, and  $n$  refers to the time level. It should be noted that Equation (36) has been applied over two grid intervals in each direction.  $F_{i,j,k}^\phi$ ,  $F_{i,j,k}^\theta$ , and  $F_{i,j,k}^r$  are the convective fluxes in the superscripted directions and can be related to the velocities in these directions. Following Roberts and Weiss<sup>(46)</sup> these can be expressed as

$$F_{i,j,k}^\phi = \frac{1}{4r_k \Delta \theta \Delta r \Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{\theta_{j-1}}^{\theta_{j+1}} \int_{r_{k-1}}^{r_{k+1}} c(\phi_i, \theta, r, t) u(\phi_i, \theta, r) r \, dr \, d\theta \, dt \quad (37),$$

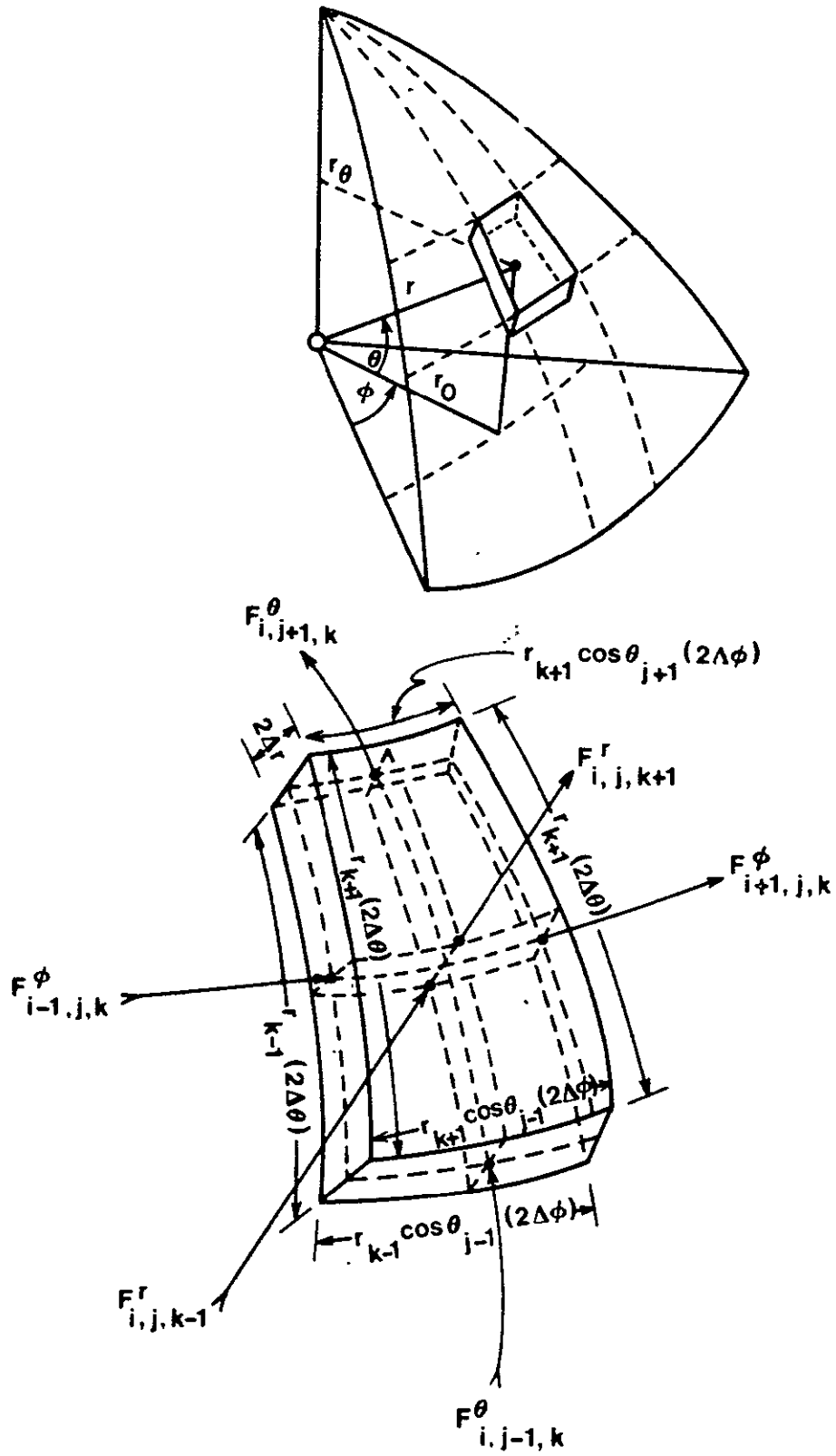


Figure 2

Finite Element for Applying the Conservation of Mass

$$F_{i,j,k}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{4r_k \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi \Delta r \Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{\phi_{i-1}}^{\phi_{i+1}} \int_{r_{k-1}}^{r_{k+1}} c(\phi, \theta_j, r, t) v(\phi, \theta_j, r) \cos \theta r \, dr \, d\phi \, dt \quad (38),$$

and

$$F_{i,j,k}^r = \frac{1}{4r_k^2 \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi \Delta \theta \Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{\phi_{i-1}}^{\phi_{i+1}} \int_{\theta_{j-1}}^{\theta_{j+1}} c(\phi, \theta, r_k, t) w(\phi, \theta, r_k) r^2 \cos \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \, dt \quad (39).$$

Development of Equations (37) thru (39) in difference form is the central point in establishing the numerical accuracy level, and for the current work it is fourth order in the convective terms.  $J_{i,j,k}^r$ ,  $J_{i,j,k}^{\phi}$ , and  $J_{i,j,k}^{\theta}$  represent the diffusive fluxes in each of the superscripted directions. These are expressible in gradient form.

Anticipating the development of the convective fluxes, the diffusive terms will be evaluated using the intermediate time level,  $n + 1/2$ , as well as the time levels  $n$  and  $n+1$ . After differencing the diffusive flux terms, Equation (36) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i,j,k}^{n+1} C_{i,j,k} &= x_{i,j,k}^n C_{i,j,k} + (F_{i-1,j,k}^{\phi} - F_{i+1,j,k}^{\phi}) \frac{\Delta t}{2r_k \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi} \\ &+ (\cos \theta_{j-1} F_{i,j-1,k}^{\theta} - \cos \theta_{j+1} F_{i,j+1,k}^{\theta}) \frac{\Delta t}{2r_k \cos \theta_j \Delta \theta} \\ &+ (r_{k-1}^2 F_{i,j,k-1}^r - r_{k+1}^2 F_{i,j,k+1}^r) \frac{\Delta t}{2r_k^2 \Delta r} \\ &+ (x_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1/2} + x_{i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j,k}^{n+1} - x_{i,j,k}^n) \frac{\epsilon_r C_{i,j,k} \Delta t}{\Delta r^2} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + (x_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_r C_{i,j,k} \Delta t}{r_k \Delta r} \\
& + (C_{i,j,k+1} - C_{i,j,k-1}) (x_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_r \Delta t}{4 \Delta r^2} \\
& + (x_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1/2} + x_{i,j-1,k}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j,k}^{n+1} - x_{i,j,k}^n) \frac{\epsilon_\theta C_{i,j,k} \Delta t}{r_k^2 \Delta \theta^2} \\
& + (C_{i,j+1,k} - C_{i,j-1,k}) (x_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j-1,k}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_\theta \Delta t}{4 r_k^2 \Delta \theta^2} \\
& - (x_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j-1,k}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_\theta C_{i,j,k} \tan \theta_j \Delta t}{2 r_k^2 \Delta \theta} + (x_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1/2} + x_{i-1,j,k}^{n+1/2} \\
& - x_{i,j,k}^{n+1} - x_{i,j,k}^n) \frac{\epsilon_\phi C_{i,j,k} \Delta t}{r_k^2 \cos^2 \theta_j \Delta \phi^2} + (C_{i+1,j,k} \\
& - C_{i-1,j,k}) (x_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1/2} - x_{i-1,j,k}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_\phi \Delta t}{4 r_k^2 \cos^2 \theta_j \Delta \phi^2} + R_{i,j,k}^v \Delta t \quad (40).
\end{aligned}$$

In Equation (40),  $x_{i,j,k}^n$  represents the mole fraction of the species being considered, and  $C_{i,j,k}$  represents the molar density of the air determined from the prevailing temperature and pressure.

The formulation of the diffusive flux difference terms uses a central difference scheme, which is essentially second order accurate. Roberts and Weiss<sup>(46)</sup> state that this method is unconditionally stable and sufficiently accurate as long as  $\epsilon$  is small. Certainly in the horizontal motions this is true; however, subgrid scale motions usually

will dominate the vertical fluxes, and  $\varepsilon_r$  may not be considered small. Thus, it could be qualitatively argued that the procedure is essentially fourth order accurate in  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  but only second order accurate in  $r$ , as well as time. However, this drawback is easily overcome since the mesh size in the radial or vertical direction will be considerably smaller than the mesh length in the horizontal. Therefore, it appears that the accuracy of the scheme is still limited by the order of accuracy of the horizontal motions.

The generation term in Equation (40) is a volume average over the region  $i+1$ ,  $j+1$ ,  $k+1$ , and over time  $\Delta t$ . Thus, it can be expressed as

$$R_{i,j,k}^v = \frac{1}{8r_k^2 \cos\theta_j \Delta\phi \Delta\theta \Delta r \Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{\phi_{i-1}}^{\phi_{i+1}} \int_{\theta_{j-1}}^{\theta_{j+1}} \int_{r_{k-1}}^{r_{k+1}} R(\phi, \theta, r, t) r^2 \cos\theta dr d\theta d\phi dt \quad (41).$$

It should be noted at this point that the generation terms will be determined from concentrations already calculated. An alternative scheme would be to calculate the concentration of one species at the new time level using the intermediate time level. Then this updated concentration could be employed in the generation term for the next species. This might improve the computational stability characteristics but would have to be established by numerical experiments. These types of schemes are necessary in order to decouple the three diffusion equations for each of the three species. Otherwise, the three equations would have to be solved simultaneously, which, due to their nature, would either require linearization or some iterative scheme. It is felt that these procedures are not justified. The individual generation terms can then be found from Equation (22) thru Equation (24).

It is now appropriate to further consider the flux and generation terms, thus far only expressed in integral form. By expanding the product of concentration and velocity in a Taylor series in space and time, any desired accuracy can be achieved. For each of the flux terms, the following results can be obtained.

$$F_{i,j,k}^{\phi} = (cu)_{i,j,k}^{\phi} + 1/3 \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right)_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} \Delta \theta^2 + 1/3 \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2 + O(\Delta t^2, \Delta \theta^p r^{4-p}) \quad (42)$$

$$F_{i,j,k}^{\theta} = (cv)_{i,j,k}^{\theta} + 1/3 \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} \right)_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} \Delta \phi^2 + 1/3 \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right)_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2 + O(\Delta t^2, \Delta \phi^p r^{4-p}) \quad (43)$$

$$F_{i,j,k}^r = (cw)_{i,j,k}^r \frac{\Delta \theta}{\sin \Delta \theta} + 1/3 \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \phi} \right)_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \Delta \phi^2 + 2 \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} \right)_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} \left( \cos \Delta \theta - \frac{2-\Delta \theta^2}{2} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \right) + O(\Delta t^2, \Delta \theta^p \phi^{4-p}) \quad (44)$$

We will be content with fourth-order accuracy in the space variable and second order in time as indicated by terms  $O(\Delta t^2, \Delta-)$ . It should be noted that in order to assure second order accuracy in time, the direction of integration must reverse with each time step. Furthermore, for  $\theta_j > 45^\circ$

the accuracy in the  $\theta$ -space variable is decreased. However, at  $\theta_j$  as large as  $85^\circ$  the accuracy is apparently still third-order.

Roberts and Weiss<sup>(46)</sup> suggest expressing the zeroth-order terms in a manner as illustrated below.

$$(cu)_{i,j,k}^\phi = 1/6 [u_{i,j,k} (8c_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - c_{i-1,j,k}^{n+1} - c_{i+1,j,k}^n)] \quad (45)$$

Equation (45) alternates with the following form for the reverse direction integration.

$$(cu)_{i,j,k}^\phi = 1/6 [u_{i,j,k} (8c_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - c_{i-1,j,k}^n - c_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1})] \quad (46)$$

The derivatives in Equations (42), (43), and (44) are differenced using a central difference scheme.

The generation term described by Equation (41) can be handled in a manner slightly different than the flux terms. The result is

$$\begin{aligned} R_{i,j,k}^v = & [R_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} + 1/6 \left( \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial \phi^2} \right)_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} \Delta \phi^2 + 1/6 \left( \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial r^2} \right)_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2] \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \\ & + \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta} \right)_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} \tan \theta_j \left( \cos \Delta \theta - \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \right) \\ & + \left( \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial \theta^2} \right)_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} \left( \cos \Delta \theta - \frac{2 - \Delta \theta^2}{2} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (47).$$

Again, the order of accuracy is reduced slightly for  $\theta_j$  larger than  $45^\circ$ .

Due to the complex algebraic form of the generation terms,  $R_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2}$  is just calculated from data at the intermediate time level.

The above discussion briefly describes the numerical procedure. Additional detail can be found in the appendix at the end of this chapter. The numerical integration is initiated by considering grid elements surrounding either pole. Since the area at the poles for input of mass is zero, the concentrations at the latitudes  $10^\circ$  from either pole do not directly depend on the concentrations at the poles.

#### Representation of Sub-Grid Scale Motions

Since the numerical approximation of the transport of mass attempts to represent a continuum by a discrete set of points, one must consider the effect of the small scale motions on the large scale convection. In any finite numerical model of turbulent flow processes, it is unrealistic to assume that motions of all scales can be simulated. Rather, one must be content to explicitly evaluate the large scale convection and to parameterize the small scale mixing processes.

This can be more readily appreciated by considering the appropriately averaged species equation of continuity. Rather than time averaging the equations in the Reynolds sense as is customarily done, it is more useful to volume average over a given grid. Time averaging, in essence, represents all turbulent processes by the time averaged product of the deviation variables (e.g.,  $\overline{u'v'}$ ,  $\overline{u'c'}$ , etc). However, in numerical treatment of the equations of change some of the motions that would be considered turbulent in the Reynolds sense may be

calculated explicitly in time if the grid size is sufficiently small. Therefore, it is expected that the eddy diffusivity one uses to approximate the sub-grid scale motions depends on the grid size.

More specifically, let the grid-scale averaging operator (represented by an overbar) be defined as follows:

$$\bar{u} = \frac{1}{r^2 \cos \theta \Delta \phi \Delta \theta \Delta r} \int_{\Delta r} \int_{\Delta \theta} \int_{\Delta \phi} u(\phi, \theta, r, t) r^2 \cos \theta \, d\phi \, d\theta \, dr \quad (48)$$

or

$$\bar{c} = \frac{1}{r^2 \cos \theta \Delta \phi \Delta \theta \Delta r} \int_{\Delta r} \int_{\Delta \theta} \int_{\Delta \phi} c(\phi, \theta, r, t) r^2 \cos \theta \, d\phi \, d\theta \, dr \quad (49)$$

The grid-averaged variable ( $\bar{u}$  or  $\bar{c}$ ) is now a continuous function of space and time. If one lets  $u'$  and  $c'$  represent deviations from local grid-volume means, it is easy to recognize that terms analogous to the conventionally time averaged ones are obtained. However, there is the important difference between the two terms as to what portion of the turbulent processes do the two represent.

There has been considerable attention, relative to solving the Navier-Stokes Equation, devoted to the concept of using a grid size dependent viscosity (sometimes referred to as an artificial viscosity) to describe the micro-scale phenomena<sup>(57-60)</sup>. Deardorff<sup>(51)</sup>, Crowley<sup>(61)</sup>, Manabe, Smagorinsky, Holloway, and Stone<sup>(62)</sup> and others have employed such viscosities for fluid dynamics calculations. The

eddy viscosity can be based on either a local kinetic energy dissipation rate or an average kinetic energy dissipation rate. In the former case the resulting eddy viscosity is non-linear while in the latter case there is a single value for the entire space.

Smagorinsky, Manabe, and Holloway<sup>(57)</sup>, Leith<sup>(59)</sup>, and Monin and Zilitinkevich<sup>(60)</sup> have used the well-known dimensional analysis approach of Kolmogorov for three-dimensional homogeneous turbulence to relate the eddy viscosity to the local rate of strain. Let  $\alpha_1$  be a dimensionless constant and let  $\Delta_3$  be the cube root of the product of the mesh spacing (for rectangular cartesian coordinates,  $\Delta_3 = (\Delta_{x_1} \cdot \Delta_{x_2} \cdot \Delta_{x_3})^{1/3}$ ), then

$$\epsilon = (\alpha_1 \Delta_3)^2 \left[ \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \right]^{1/2} \quad (50).$$

In Equation (50) the Einstein convention for tensor notation is used for simplicity. Deardorff's<sup>(51)</sup> calculation for turbulent channel flow indicated that  $\alpha_1 = 0.10$  was optimum.

Leith, however, argues that Equation (50) is of dubious validity in global numerical models since the horizontal grid is much larger than the vertical grid and thus is inconsistent with three dimensional isotropy. Instead, he treats the grid scale as being two dimensional and uses dimensional arguments based on the cascade of vorticity ( $\omega$ ) in two dimensions to arrive at

$$\varepsilon = \alpha \frac{3}{2} |\nabla \omega| \Delta_2^3 \quad (51)$$

where  $\Delta_2 = (\Delta_{x_1} \cdot \Delta_{x_2})^{1/2}$ . Crowley's<sup>(61)</sup> experiments on wind driven ocean circulations suggest that  $\alpha_2 = 0.05$ .

It is clear that Equations (50) and (51) lead to non-linear eddy viscosities which are local. Monin<sup>(60)</sup> has suggested that a linear viscosity can be estimated as

$$\varepsilon \sim \varepsilon_0^{1/3} \Delta^{4/3} \quad (52),$$

where  $\varepsilon_0$  is the kinetic energy dissipation averaged for the whole calculation space. For the entire atmosphere,  $\varepsilon_0 \sim 5$  erg/g sec. To intuitively extend this concept one might consider  $\varepsilon$  to be axis dependent and write

$$\varepsilon_{x_i} \sim \varepsilon_0^{1/3} \Delta_{x_i}^{4/3} \quad (53).$$

While the simplicity of the linear viscosity is retained for computational purposes, Equation (53) does permit different scaling of the micro-scale phenomena in the three directions. The results of Deardorff<sup>(51)</sup> show the constant of proportionality in Equation (53) to be  $(0.094)^{4/3}$ .

The discussion of the representation of sub-grid scale motions has thus far been restricted to momentum exchange. However, since our interests are in mass exchange the extension to eddy diffusivity must be made. The obvious approach is to assume that the turbulent Schmidt



number (the ratio of the eddy viscosity to eddy diffusivity) is one. In addition, further detailing of approximations for the eddy diffusivity is hardly justified at the present until more and better atmospheric turbulent exchange data are obtained. Based on these discussions, the following values for the eddy diffusivities would be consistent with grid spacings of  $10^\circ \times 10^\circ \times 2.5$  km:  $\epsilon_\phi = \epsilon_\theta = 10^5 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$  and  $\epsilon_r = 10^2 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$ . These values are in agreement with the suggestions of Lilly<sup>(47)</sup> and Deardorff<sup>(51)</sup> and with the linear viscosity used by Crowley<sup>(61)</sup> for ocean circulation calculations employing a smaller grid size.

#### SUMMARY

In this chapter, we have discussed the development of a global transport/chemistry circulation model that accounts for natural and anthropogenic sources of pollutants. Specifically the geochemically important methane - carbon monoxide system is described in which the oxidation of methane leads to the formation of carbon monoxide. The pseudo-steady state approximation is exploited for the reactive intermediate species so that the number of species continuity equations that must be solved is reduced to a minimum. By so doing three dimensionality of the solution can still be retained.

The incorporation of the physico-chemical behavior of the species into the model is discussed in sufficient generality that the procedures described could be readily extended to other important systems. Such efforts should be encouraged. In the subsequent chapter, the results to date of computer simulations of the methane-carbon monoxide system are described.

## APPENDIX A

## DETAILS OF NUMERICAL SOLUTION

In order to conveniently express Equation (40) we will define modified flux terms for  $F_{i+1,j,k}^\phi$ ,  $F_{i,j+1,k}^\theta$ , and  $F_{i,j,k+1}^r$ . These are

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{F}_{i+1,j,k}^\phi &= \frac{1}{6} u_{i+1,j,k} (8c_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1/2} - c_{i+2,j,k}^n) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right)_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1/2} \Delta \theta^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2 \end{aligned} \quad (A-1),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{F}_{i,j+1,k}^\theta &= \frac{1}{6} v_{i,j+1,k} (8c_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1/2} - c_{i,j+2,k}^n) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} \right)_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1/2} \Delta \phi^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right)_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2 \end{aligned} \quad (A-2),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{F}_{i,j,k+1}^r &= \frac{1}{6} w_{i,j,k+1} (8c_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1/2} - c_{i,j,k+2}^n) \frac{\Delta \theta}{\sin \Delta \theta} + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \phi} \right)_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1/2} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \Delta \phi^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} \right)_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1/2} \left( \cos \Delta \theta - \frac{2 - \Delta \theta^2}{2} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (A-3).$$

Let  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  represent the mole fraction of methane, formaldehyde, and carbon monoxide, respectively. The concentration of each species at the updated time can then be found by solving the following system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned} C_{i,j,k} &\left( 1 - \frac{u_{i+1,j,k} \Delta t}{12 r_k^2 \cos \theta_j \Delta \theta} - \frac{\cos \theta_{j+1} v_{i,j+1,k} \Delta t}{12 r_k^2 \cos \theta_j \Delta \theta} - \frac{r_{k+1}^2 w_{i,j,k+1} \Delta \theta \Delta t}{12 r_k^2 \sin \Delta \theta \Delta r} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\epsilon_\phi \Delta t}{r_k^2 \cos^2 \theta_j \Delta \phi^2} + \frac{\epsilon_\theta \Delta t}{r_k^2 \Delta \theta^2} + \frac{\epsilon_r \Delta t}{\Delta r^2} \right) x_{i,j,k}^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{u_{i-1,j,k}^C C_{i-2,j,k} \Delta t}{12 r_k \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi} x_{i-2,j,k}^{n+1} + \frac{r_{k-1}^2 w_{i,j,k-1} C_{i,j,k-2} \Delta t}{12 r_k^2 \Delta r} x_{i,j,k-2}^{n+1} = \\
& C_{i,j,k} x_{i,j,k}^n + (\hat{F}_{i-1,j,k}^{\phi,x} - \hat{F}_{i+1,j,k}^{\phi,x}) \frac{\Delta t}{2 r_k \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi} \\
& - \frac{\cos \theta_{j-1} v_{i,j-1,k}^C C_{i,j-2,k} \Delta t}{12 r_k \cos \theta_j \Delta \theta} x_{i,j-2,k}^{n+1} + (\cos \theta_{j-1} \hat{F}_{i,j-1,k}^{\theta,x} \\
& - \cos \theta_{j+1} \hat{F}_{i,j+1,k}^{\theta,x}) \frac{\Delta t}{2 r_k \cos \theta_j \Delta \theta} \\
& + (r_{k-1}^2 \hat{F}_{i,j,k-1}^{r,x} - r_{k+1}^2 \hat{F}_{i,j,k+1}^{r,x}) \frac{\Delta t}{2 r_k^2 \Delta r} + (x_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1/2} + x_{i-1,j,k}^{n+1/2} \\
& - x_{i,j,k}^n) \frac{\epsilon_{\phi} C_{i,j,k} \Delta t}{r_k^2 \cos^2 \theta_j \Delta \phi^2} + (C_{i+1,j,k} - C_{i-1,j,k}) (x_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1/2} \\
& - x_{i-1,j,k}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_{\phi} \Delta t}{4 r_k^2 \cos^2 \theta_j \Delta \phi^2} + (x_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1/2} + x_{i,j-1,k}^{n+1/2} \\
& - x_{i,j,k}^n) \frac{\epsilon_{\theta} C_{i,j,k} \Delta t}{r_k^2 \Delta \theta^2} + (C_{i,j+1,k} - C_{i,j-1,k}) (x_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1/2} \\
& - x_{i,j-1,k}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_{\theta} \Delta t}{4 r_k^2 \Delta \theta^2} - (x_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j-1,k}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_{\theta} C_{i,j,k} \tan \theta_j \Delta t}{2 r_k^2 \Delta \theta} \\
& + (x_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1/2} + x_{i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j,k}^n) \frac{\epsilon_r C_{i,j,k} \Delta t}{\Delta r^2} + (x_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1/2} \\
& - x_{i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_r C_{i,j,k} \Delta t}{r_k \Delta r} + (C_{i,j,k+1} - C_{i,j,k-1}) (x_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1/2} \\
& - x_{i,j,k-1}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_r \Delta t}{4 \Delta r^2} + R_{i,j,k}^{v,x} \Delta t \quad (A-4).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\hat{F}_{i-1,j,k}^{\phi,x}$ ,  $\hat{F}_{i+1,j,k}^{\phi,x}$ ,  $\hat{F}_{i,j-1,k}^{\theta,x}$ ,  $\hat{F}_{i,j+1,k}^{\theta,x}$ ,  $\hat{F}_{i,j,k-1}^{r,x}$ ,  $\hat{F}_{i,j,k+1}^{r,x}$ , and

$R_{i,j,k}^{V,x}$  are computed and then Equation (A-4) is solved. Similar relationships can be written for the formaldehyde and carbon monoxide concentrations.

Grid boxes that occur on a boundary of the region being considered can be treated using the integral flux method in a similar manner. As an example, consider the surface boundary where there is a grid box of dimension  $2\Delta\phi$ ,  $2\Delta\theta$  and  $\Delta r$ . By using the integral formulation, we can express the increment in the concentration of a particular species as

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{i,j,1}^{n+1} C_{i,j,1} &= x_{i,j,1}^n C_{i,j,1} + (F_{i-1,j,1}^\phi - F_{i+1,j,1}^\phi) \frac{\Delta t}{2r_1 \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi} \\
 &+ (\cos \theta_{j-1} F_{i,j-1,1}^\theta - \cos \theta_{j+1} F_{i,j+1,1}^\theta) \frac{\Delta t}{2r_1 \cos \theta_j \Delta \theta} + (r_{1,2}^2 - r_1^2) \frac{\Delta t}{2r_1} \\
 &- (r_{1,2}^2 F_{i,j,2}^r - r_{1,1}^2 F_{i,j,1}^r) \frac{\Delta t}{r_1^2 \Delta r} + (x_{i,j+1,1}^{n+1/2} + x_{i,j-1,1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j,1}^{n+1} \\
 &- x_{i,j,1}^n) \frac{\epsilon_\theta C_{i,j,1} \Delta t}{r_1^2 \Delta \theta^2} + (C_{i,j+1,1} - C_{i,j-1,1}) (x_{i,j+1,1}^{n+1/2} \\
 &- x_{i,j-1,1}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_\theta \Delta t}{4r_1^2 \Delta \theta^2} - (x_{i,j+1,1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j-1,1}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_\theta C_{i,j,1} \tan \theta_j \Delta t}{2r_1^2 \Delta \theta} \\
 &+ (x_{i+1,j,1}^{n+1/2} + x_{i-1,j,1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j,1}^{n+1} - x_{i,j,1}^n) \frac{\epsilon_\phi C_{i,j,1} \Delta t}{r_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_j \Delta \phi^2} \\
 &+ (C_{i+1,j,1} - C_{i-1,j,1}) (x_{i+1,j,1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i-1,j,1}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_\phi \Delta t}{4r_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_j \Delta \phi^2} \\
 &+ R_{i,j,1}^V \Delta t
 \end{aligned} \tag{A-5}$$

It should be noted that values of  $x_{i,j,1}$  should be regarded as averages over boxes centered on  $\phi_i, \theta_j, r_{3/2}$ .  $J_{i,j,2}^r$  can be expressed in a central finite difference form, which employs stored values, as follows:

$$J_{i,j,2}^r = -\frac{e}{4\Delta r} [2 C_{i,j,3} x_{i,j,3}^{n+1/2} - C_{i,j,1} (x_{i,j,1}^n + x_{i,j,1}^{n+1})] \quad (A-6)$$

Furthermore, the ground level flux term must account for both a constant area source ( $S_G$ ) as well as an ocean or soil type source.

Thus,

$$J_{i,j,1}^r = \frac{1}{4r_1^2 \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi \Delta \theta \Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{\phi_{i-1}}^{\phi_{i+1}} \int_{\theta_{j-1}}^{\theta_{j+1}} [K_G(c_G^* - c) + S_G](\phi, \theta, r_1, t) r_1^2 \cos \theta d\theta d\phi dt \quad (A-7),$$

which to a fourth-order approximation can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} J_{i,j,1}^r = & \frac{1}{2} \{ [K_G(c_G^* - c) + S_G]_{i,j,1}^n + [K_G(c_G^* - c) + S_G]_{i,j,1}^{n+1} \} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} + \\ & \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 [K_G(c_G^* - c) + S_G]}{\partial \phi^2} \right]_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \Delta \phi^2 + \left[ \frac{\partial [K_G(c_G^* - c) + S_G]}{\partial \theta} \right]_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} \tan \theta_j \left( \cos \Delta \theta - \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \right) \\ & + \left[ \frac{\partial^2 [K_G(c_G^* - c) + S_G]}{\partial \theta^2} \right]_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} \left( \cos \Delta \theta - \frac{2-\Delta \theta^2}{2} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \right) \quad (A-8). \end{aligned}$$

The convective fluxes can be conveniently expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{i,j,1}^{\phi} = & \frac{1}{2} [ (cu)_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} + (cu)_{i,j,2}^{n+1/2} ] + \frac{1}{12} \left\{ \left[ \frac{\partial^2(cu)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} \Delta \theta^2 \right. \\
& + \left[ \frac{\partial^2(cu)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]_{i,j,2}^{n+1/2} \Delta \theta^2 + \frac{3}{4} \left[ \frac{\partial^2(cu)}{\partial r^2} \right]_{i,j,2}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2 - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{\partial^2(cu)}{\partial r^2} \right]_{i,j,3}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2 \Big\}
\end{aligned}$$

(A-9),

and

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{i,j,1}^{\theta} = & \frac{1}{2} [ (cv)_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} + (cv)_{i,j,2}^{n+1/2} ] + \frac{1}{12} \left\{ \left[ \frac{\partial^2(cv)}{\partial \phi^2} \right]_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} \Delta \phi^2 \right. \\
& + \left[ \frac{\partial^2(cv)}{\partial \phi^2} \right]_{i,j,2}^{n+1/2} \Delta \phi^2 + \frac{3}{4} \left[ \frac{\partial^2(cv)}{\partial r^2} \right]_{i,j,2}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2 - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{\partial^2(cv)}{\partial r^2} \right]_{i,j,3}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2 \Big\}
\end{aligned}$$

(A-10).

The vertical convective flux  $F_{i,j,2}^r$  can be obtained by Equation (44), and the generation term will be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{i,j,1}^v = & \frac{1}{2} [ R_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} + R_{i,j,3}^{n+1/2} + \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial \phi^2} \right)_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} \Delta \phi^2 + \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial \phi^2} \right)_{i,j,2}^{n+1/2} \Delta \phi^2 \\
& + \frac{3}{24} \left( \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial r^2} \right)_{i,j,2}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2 - \frac{1}{24} \left( \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial r^2} \right)_{i,j,3}^{n+1/2} \Delta r^2 ] \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta} \right)_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} + \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta} \right)_{i,j,2}^{n+1/2} \right] \tan \theta_j \left( \cos \Delta \theta - \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial \theta^2} \right)_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} + \left( \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial \theta^2} \right)_{i,j,2}^{n+1/2} \right] \left( \cos \Delta \theta - \frac{2 - \Delta \theta^2}{2} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \right) \quad (A-11).$$

Analogous to Equations (A-1) thru (A-3), define

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{i,j,1}^r = \mathcal{F}_{i,j,1}^r + \frac{1}{2} K_G c_{i,j,1}^{n+1} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{i,j,1}^r &= \frac{1}{2} \{ [K_G(c_G^* - c) + S_G]_{i,j,1}^n + (K_G c_G^* + S_G)_{i,j,1} \} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \\ &+ \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 [K_G(c_G^* - c) + S_G]}{\partial \theta^2} \right]_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \Delta \phi^2 + \left[ \frac{\partial [K_G(c_G^* - c) + S_G]}{\partial \theta} \right]_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} \tan \theta_j \left( \cos \Delta \theta - \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \right) \\ &+ \left[ \frac{\partial^2 [K_G(c_G^* - c) + S_G]}{\partial \theta^2} \right]_{i,j,1}^{n+1/2} \left( \cos \Delta \theta - \frac{2 - \Delta \theta^2}{2} \frac{\sin \Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \right) \quad (A-12). \end{aligned}$$

With these equations, the concentration at the new time level for a boundary grid can be calculated as follows

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i,j,1}^{n+1} &= \{ x_{i,j,1}^n C_{i,j,1} + (F_{i-1,j,1}^{\phi,x} - F_{i+1,j,1}^{\phi,x}) \frac{\Delta t}{2r_1 \cos \theta_j \Delta \phi} \\ &+ (\cos \theta_{j-1} F_{i,j-1,1}^{\theta,x} - \cos \theta_{j+1} F_{i,j+1,1}^{\theta,x}) \frac{\Delta t}{2r_1 \cos \theta_j \Delta \theta} \\ &- F_{i,j,2}^{r,x} \frac{r_1^2 \Delta t}{2r_1^2 \Delta r} + \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{i,j,1}^{r,x} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta r} \\ &+ (2C_{i,j,3} x_{i,j,3}^{n+1/2} - C_{i,j,1} x_{i,j,1}^n) \frac{\epsilon r_1^2 \Delta t}{4r_1^2 \Delta r^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + (x_{i,j+1,1}^{n+1/2} + x_{i,j-1,1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j,1}^n) \frac{\epsilon_\theta C_{i,j,1} 2^{\Delta t}}{r_1^2 \Delta \theta^2} + (C_{i,j+1,1} \\
& - C_{i,j-1,1}) (x_{i,j+1,1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j-1,1}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_\theta \Delta t}{4r_1^2 \Delta \theta^2} \\
& + (x_{i,j+1,1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j-1,1}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_\theta C_{i,j,1} \tan \theta_j \Delta t}{2r_1^2 \Delta \theta} \\
& + (x_{i+1,j,1}^{n+1/2} + x_{i-1,j,1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i,j,1}^n) \frac{\epsilon_\phi C_{i,j,1} \Delta t}{r_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_j \Delta \phi^2} \\
& + (C_{i+1,j,1} - C_{i-1,j,1}) (x_{i+1,j,1}^{n+1/2} - x_{i-1,j,1}^{n+1/2}) \frac{\epsilon_\phi \Delta t}{4r_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_j \Delta \phi^2} \\
& + R_{i,j,1}^v \Delta t \} / [ C_{i,j,1} (1 - \frac{1}{6} \frac{w_{i,j,1}^2 r_1^2 \Delta \theta \Delta t}{r_1^2 \sin \theta \Delta r} + \frac{K_{G,i,j} \sin \theta \Delta t}{2 \Delta \theta \Delta r} \\
& + \frac{\epsilon_r r_1^2 \Delta t}{4r_1^2 \Delta r^2} + \frac{\epsilon_\theta \Delta t}{r_1^2 \Delta \theta^2} + \frac{\epsilon_\phi \Delta t}{r_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_j \Delta \phi^2}) \quad (A-13).
\end{aligned}$$

Similar developments are made for the tropopause.



## CHAPTER 2

## RESULTS OF PRELIMINARY SIMULATIONS

The model described in the previous chapter was evaluated in static and preliminary dynamic transport simulations. Evaluations using the chemical-kinetic model in a static batch system analysis showed the chemical half lives of  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO, their non-chemical source strengths requisite with reasonable steady state concentrations, and the homogeneous chemical source strength of CO by the gas phase oxidation of  $\text{CH}_4$  to be in the proper magnitude. In addition, analysis of the pseudo-steady state approximation for all of the intermediates, including formaldehyde, confirmed its utility and accuracy for simplifying the reaction scheme when one is not interested in the very short term transient behavior of the intermediates.

Preliminary simulations using the transport/chemistry model were conducted, and the results of this early analysis are described. Chaining of the isopleths of  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO, due to the dominant westerly wind field, was observed. Longer term simulations are being planned.

## INTRODUCTION

In the previous chapter the global transport/chemistry model for the  $\text{CH}_4$  - CO system was described. The physico-chemical considerations and mathematical development of the numerical model were presented in substantial detail. In this chapter, we will discuss the results of

computer simulations of the model and attempt to compare those results with some of the observations made on the species, especially carbon monoxide.

Static and dynamic transport computer simulations were made. The chemical reaction model was first evaluated assuming a homogeneous reaction system of uniform temperature and pressure without considering any transport of the species. This was a preliminary analysis to judge the validity and evaluate certain aspects of the chemical reaction scheme. Of more significance is the combined transport/chemistry model simulation in which the troposphere's variable properties and the Earth's variable surface are considered. The results of the static and dynamic model computer simulations will be discussed separately in the following sections.

#### STATIC SIMULATIONS OF CHEMICAL REACTION MODEL

The chemical kinetic model requires as input data the individual reaction rate constants and their temperature dependence, the third body concentrations, and the concentrations of the other chemical entities that are considered time invariant. Rather than using these quantities as adjustable parameters, it was felt that these should be based on the best estimates from the literature. In Table I the reaction rate data and the appropriate references are listed. It should be noted that the temperature dependence is not known for all of the reactions. One should also note that the rate constants  $k_6$ ,  $k_7$ ,  $k_8$ ,  $k_9$ , and  $k_{13}$ , are not required for the model when the pseudo-steady state

TABLE I  
Reaction Rate Constants Employed in Model

<u>Reaction</u>	<u>Rate Constant</u>	<u>Reference</u>
$O_3 + hv \rightarrow O(^1D) + O_2$	$\dagger 1.05 \times 10^{-5} e^{-0.48/\cos\theta} \text{ sec}^{-1}$	2, 63, 64
$O(^1D) + H_2O \rightarrow 2OH$	$3.0 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kmole sec}$	64, 65
$O(^1D) + M_3 \rightarrow O + M_3$	$4.8 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^3/\text{kmole sec}$	2, 64
$O + O_2 + M_4 \rightarrow O_3 + M_4$	$3.0 \times 10^7 e^{510/T} \text{ m}^6/\text{kmole}^2 \text{ sec}$	65, 66
$CH_4 + OH \rightarrow CH_3 + H_2O$	$2.8 \times 10^{10} e^{-2500/T} \text{ m}^3/\text{kmole sec}$	67, 68, 69
$CH_2O + hv \rightarrow CO + H_2$	$\dagger 1.65 \times 10^{-4} e^{-0.48/\cos\theta} \text{ sec}^{-1}$	70
$CH_2O + hv \rightarrow CHO + H$	$\dagger 6.42 \times 10^{-5} e^{-0.48/\cos\theta} \text{ sec}^{-1}$	70
$CH_2O + OH \rightarrow CHO + H_2O$	$4.6 \times 10^{10} e^{-460/T} \text{ m}^3/\text{kmole sec}$	64, 65, 67
$CO + O + M_{14} \rightarrow CO_2 + M_{14}$	$3.6 \times 10^{11} e^{-1750/T} \text{ m}^6/\text{kmole}^2 \text{ sec}$	2, 65
$CO + OH \rightarrow CO_2 + H$	$3.1 \times 10^8 e^{-300/T} \text{ m}^3/\text{kmole sec}$	67
$CO + N_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Surface}} CO_2 + N_2$	$24. e^{-6000/T} \text{ sec}^{-1}$	2

$\dagger$ Exponential term approximates the dependence of the reaction rate on the solar zenith angle. During the night, the exponential term was set to zero so that the photochemical reaction rates were zero.

approximation is used. The parameteric data assumed for the other species are listed in Table II.

The simplified reaction kinetic model was evaluated under static conditions to determine if it was generally consistent with the conclusions of other investigators. The reaction model was evaluated using CSMP on the IBM 370/165 system at the University of Kentucky. The Runge-Kutta fourth order variable step size integration routine was used. The temperature was specified to be 288°K and the water vapor concentration corresponded to approximately 35% relative humidity. The ozone mixing ratio was 0.02 ppm.

The following five features of the reaction kinetic model were investigated: (a) analysis and validity of the pseudo-steady state approximation; (b) extension of the pseudo-steady state approximation to include formaldehyde; (c) the chemical half lives of  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO; (d) the non-chemical source strengths of  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO requisite with reasonable steady state concentrations of  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO; and (e) the homogeneous chemical source strength of CO by gas phase oxidation of methane. Each of these will be discussed separately.

#### Pseudo-Steady State Approximation

It is virtually impossible due to computation time limitations to rigorously test the pseudo-steady state approximation by integrating the system of differential equations for total time periods on the order of  $10^8$  seconds using a time step sufficiently small to ensure numerical stability and accuracy. However, an indirect validation can be achieved

TABLE II  
Additional Parameter Values Employed in Model

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Assumed Value</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Temperature	$\dagger 288^\circ\text{K}$	
Pressure	$\dagger 1$ atmosphere	
Solar Zenith Angle	$\dagger 43^\circ$	
$\text{O}_3$	0.02 ppm ( $8.4 \times 10^{-10}$ kmol/m <sup>3</sup> at 1 atmosphere and 288°K)	
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\dagger 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$ kmol/m <sup>3</sup>	
$\text{M}_3$	$\dagger$ Molar density of air 0.042 kmol/m <sup>3</sup>	2, 64
$\text{M}_4$	$\dagger$ Molar density of air 0.042 kmol/m <sup>3</sup>	65
$\text{M}_{14}$	$\dagger$ Molar density of air 0.042 kmol/m <sup>3</sup>	65

$\dagger$ These parameters were assumed constant in the static model, but were variable in the dynamic transport/chemistry model.

by evaluating the time required for the species to reach a relatively stable value and also to establish if this stable value corresponds to that determined when the pseudo-steady state approximation is employed.

Several of the intermediate species were tested in this manner using the complete reaction mechanism without exploiting the pseudo-steady state approximation. Transport of the species was not important for this evaluation. The system of equations was integrated by evaluating the time step required to ensure numerical stability. In the initial stages, the time step was specified to be  $10^{-10}$  seconds. When a species reached at least 95% of its pseudo-steady state value, the pseudo-steady state approximation was assumed for that species. In this manner, the time step could be increased slightly. All intermediate species were not tested since the computer time required would be impractical. However, sufficient data were obtained to rather conclusively show that the pseudo-steady state approximation is valid for this system. In Table III are listed the steady state values for the prescribed conditions and the time to reach 95% of the steady state value for three of the species. In the computer simulation, none of the species' concentration exceeded the pseudo-steady state value. In addition, even those species that did not reach steady state in the allotted time appeared to be approaching the steady state value. Finally, it should be noted that the methane, formaldehyde, and carbon monoxide concentrations did not change during this time period. With this evidence, it is felt that the pseudo-steady state approximation is

TABLE III

Test of Pseudo-Steady State Approximation

<u>Species</u>	<u>Steady State Value</u>	<u>Time to Reach 95% of Steady State Value</u>
$\text{CH}_3\text{O}$	$2.44 \times 10^{-25} \text{ kmol/m}^3$	
$\text{O}^1(\text{D})$	$2.21 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kmol/m}^3$	$1.43 \times 10^{-9} \text{ sec}$
$\text{CH}_3$	$5.81 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kmol/m}^3$	
$\text{CHO}$	$1.61 \times 10^{-22} \text{ kmol/m}^3$	$4.05 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec}$
$\text{O}$	$6.70 \times 10^{-20} \text{ kmol/m}^3$	$4.51 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sec}$
$\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2$	$5.11 \times 10^{-18} \text{ kmol/m}^3$	
$\text{OH}$	$7.10 \times 10^{-17} \text{ kmol/m}^3$	

a valid modeling concept for this reaction scheme.

#### Pseudo-Steady State Approximation for Formaldehyde

With the success using the pseudo-steady state approximation for the intermediate species, this concept was also tested for formaldehyde since this species was not one of our principal interests. Long term integrations using integration time steps as large as  $8.64 \times 10^3$  seconds were made to compare the systems in which the pseudo-steady state approximation was either employed or not employed for the formaldehyde. Integrations for periods of 4.75 years showed differences in the concentrations of less than 1%. In addition, the severity of numerical stability problems as evidenced by the required integration time step was much less when pseudo-steady state was assumed for formaldehyde. The reason for this is that even the three differential equations written for  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ , and  $\text{CO}$  represent a stiff system,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  being the stiff variable. If the initial condition for  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  does not closely correspond to the pseudo-steady state value consistent with the methane and carbon monoxide initial concentrations, small time steps must be used until the formaldehyde can adjust. On the other hand, this stiffness problem is circumvented if the pseudo-steady state approximation is employed for formaldehyde. Certainly one can not obtain the short term initial transient behavior (less than ten days or so) of formaldehyde if the pseudo-steady state approximation is used, but the long term behavior is consistent with the transient model.



### Chemical Half Lives

The chemical half lives must be at least as long as the estimated overall half lives of  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO so that inordinately high conversion rates are not simulated. There are various estimates for the overall residence times of methane and carbon monoxide. However, values of 2 - 3 years and 2 - 3 months, respectively, are not unlikely. For the purpose of testing this aspect of the chemical kinetic model, long term simulations up to 4000 days were conducted employing the pseudo-steady state approximation for all the species except methane and carbon monoxide.

The results of those simulations are shown in Figure 3. The initial  $\text{CH}_4$  concentration was  $6.3 \times 10^{-8}$  kmol/m<sup>3</sup> (1.5 ppm mixing ratio), and the initial CO concentration was  $4.2 \times 10^{-9}$  kmol/m<sup>3</sup> (0.1 ppm mixing ratio). The corresponding chemical half lives were 5.8 years and 1.1 years for the  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO, respectively. These values are reasonable when one considers that sinks other than chemical reactions are also operating.

### Source Strengths of $\text{CH}_4$ and CO

If the troposphere can be considered a well mixed system, one can obtain estimates of the non-chemical reaction source strengths consistent with the chemical kinetic mechanism. This can be accomplished by adding homogeneous sources of methane and carbon monoxide to Equations (22) and (24), respectively, to account for all other sources of

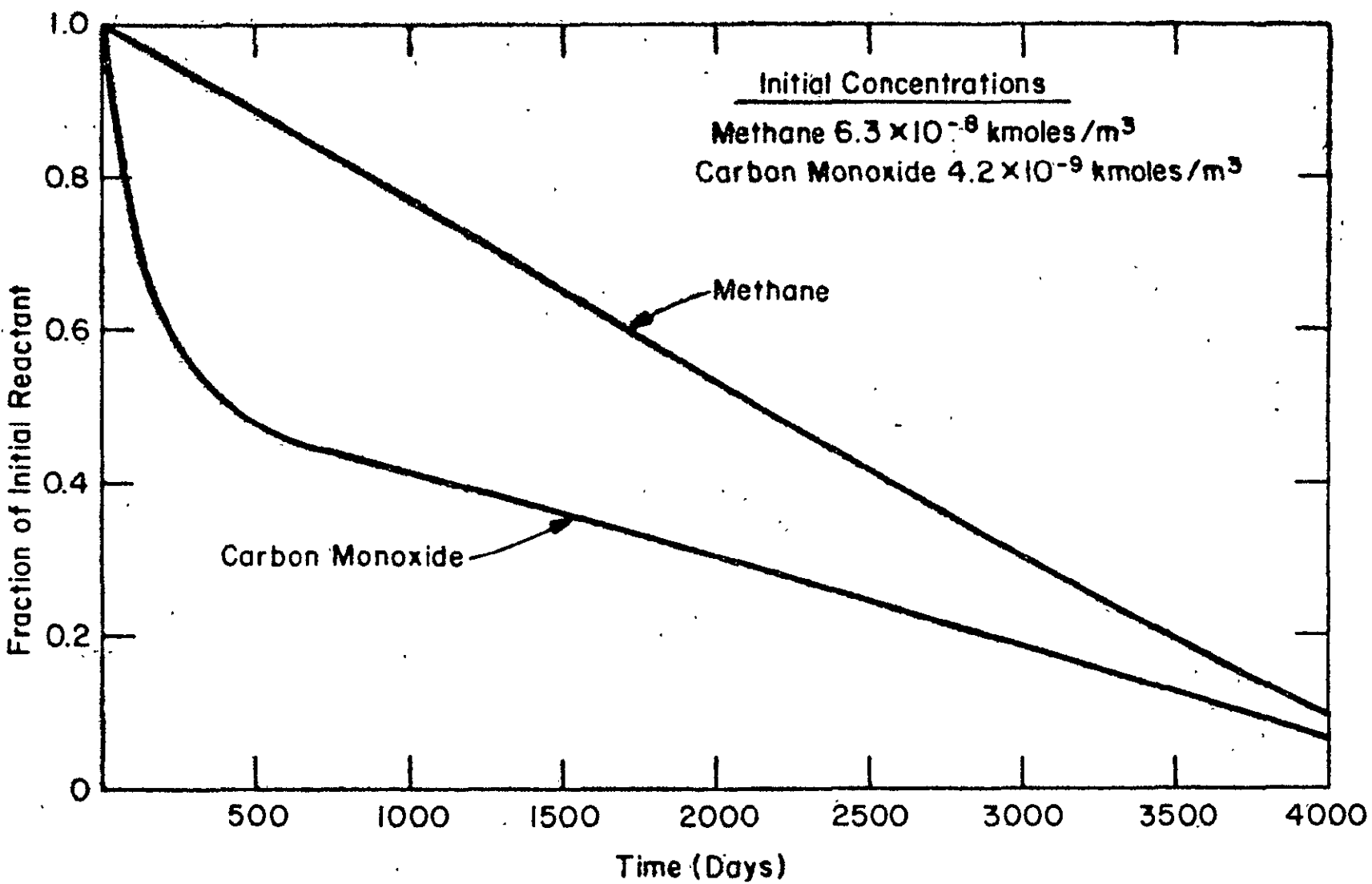


Figure 3

Simulation for Half Life Analysis of Reaction Model

these species. Then the magnitude of these source strengths is that which is consistent with steady state concentrations of  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO that one expects in the troposphere. The tropospherically averaged concentrations of  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO are approximately  $6.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ kmol/m}^3$  (1.5 ppm mixing ratio at 288°K) and  $4.2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ kmol/m}^3$  (0.1 ppm mixing ratio at 288°K). In Figure 4, the results of long term simulations where the homogeneous source strengths were fixed at  $1.3 \times 10^{-16} \text{ kmol CH}_4/\text{m}^3 \text{ sec}$  ( $320 \times 10^6 \text{ tons CH}_4/\text{year}$ ) and  $1.5 \times 10^{-16} \text{ kmol CO/m}^3 \text{ sec}$  ( $650 \times 10^6 \text{ tons CO/year}$ ) are shown. It is observed that with these values of the source strengths, the concentrations remain very nearly 1.5 ppm and 0.1 ppm mixing ratio throughout the long term simulation. These source strengths would be changed slightly by assuming a different temperature and/or mixing ratio representative of the troposphere. However, these values are characteristic of the general magnitude that one anticipates for the source strengths of  $\text{CH}_4$  and the non-chemical reaction source strength of CO.

#### CO Source Strength by Methane Oxidation

An estimate for the source strength of carbon monoxide by the gas phase oxidation of methane can also be obtained. One procedure is by recognizing that, according to the simplified reaction scheme, all methane must ultimately be reacted to carbon monoxide. Thus, presuming typical methane and carbon monoxide concentrations and presuming that the formaldehyde concentration can be specified by the pseudo-steady

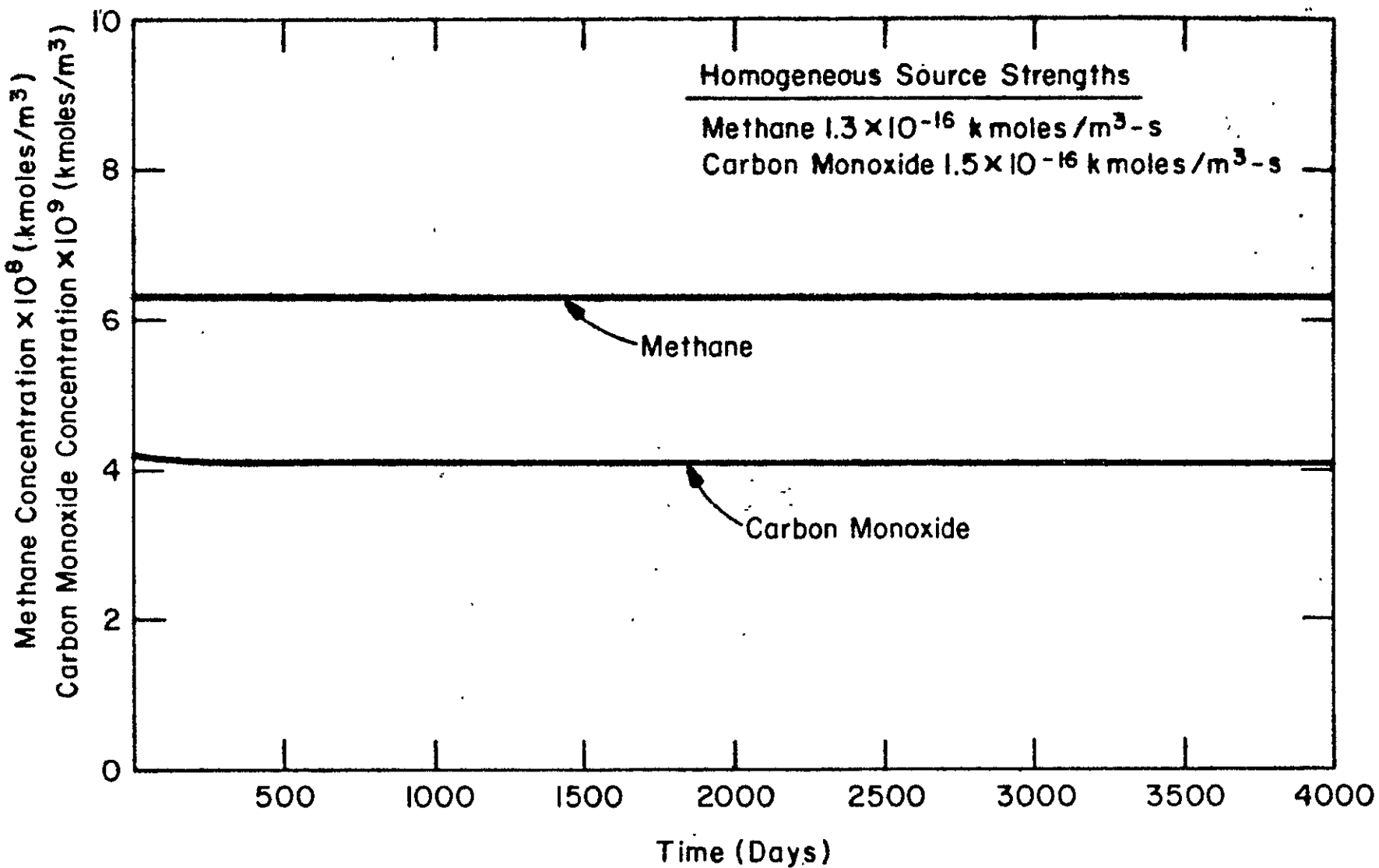


Figure 4  
Simulation for Source Strengths of Methane and Carbon Monoxide

state approximation, then the chemical source strength of CO determined by Equation (22) is  $1.3 \times 10^{-16}$  kmol/m<sup>3</sup>-sec. This corresponds to approximately  $560 \times 10^6$  tons CO/yr which is in reasonable agreement with other estimates. One can also note that at steady state, the homogeneous source of CH<sub>4</sub> is totally converted to CO. As mentioned above,  $1.3 \times 10^{-16}$  kmol CH<sub>4</sub>/m<sup>3</sup> sec is also the best estimate and is in agreement with other work.

Based on all of these evaluations, it can be stated that the simplified mechanism in combination with the pseudo-steady state approximation for all intermediates affords a plausible description of the CH<sub>4</sub> - CO chemistry. With these significant simplifications the combined chemistry/transport model becomes much less time consuming on the computer. As a result of the pseudo-steady state approximation, it is only necessary to solve two species continuity equations.

#### SIMULATIONS OF DYNAMIC TRANSPORT/CHEMISTRY MODEL

The general approach in the simulation of the global transport/chemistry model for the CH<sub>4</sub>-CO cycle consisted of the following steps:

- a. Initialize the CH<sub>4</sub> and CO concentrations in the troposphere.

In order to conserve computer time, the initial concentrations selected were approximately that expected in the atmosphere. This would not affect the final results but simply the computer time required to reach some regularly varying atmospheric state relative to the two species concentrations.

- b. Distribute the sources and sinks of the various species on the Earth's surface and at the tropopause consistent with the physico-chemical considerations. This involved proper interpretation of oceans and lands as sources and/or sinks of the particular species. As a first approximation, the tropopause has been considered as a zero flux boundary. Thus, all pollutant generation and consumption is entirely within the troposphere.
- c. Solve the coupled unsteady state turbulent diffusion equations for  $\text{CH}_4$  and CO with the boundary conditions established by b. Climatological data were used to establish the wind field, temperature field, and water vapor field. The coupling of the diffusion equations, of course, resulted from the gas phase reactions creating homogeneous generation terms. This, therefore, accounted for the chemical sources and sinks present.
- d. Continue the integration in time

The inherent advantage to using this procedure is that one does not presuppose the atmospheric concentrations of the three pollutant species being studied. This, therefore, provides a meaningful test of the distribution of sources and sinks. This should not imply, however, that there are not uncertainties present. But these uncertainties are mostly associated with the strengths of the sources and

sinks, and a primary goal of the current research is to establish good estimates of these source and sink strengths.

#### Model Parameters

The basis for the model parameters was January climatological data obtained from the National Weather Records Center<sup>(71, 72)</sup>. This included the horizontal wind field, temperature, and dew point at the surface, and the same data plus heights at pressure surfaces of 850, 700, 500, 300, 200, and 100 mb. Dew points were available only through the 500 mb surface. The computer model was not restricted to use of this climatology data. For example, the wind field could just as easily have been specified by a general circulation model.

Since the global pollution transport model employed geometric height as the vertical independent variable rather than pressure, the data were converted to geometric altitude by linear interpolation. The vertical velocity was obtained from the horizontal wind field using the continuity equation.

The chemical reaction rate constants were based on the temperature field for those constants that showed a substantial temperature dependence and are listed in Table I in the preceding section. The chemical reaction model also required water vapor and ozone concentrations as input. The water vapor concentration was established from the dew point data where possible. At levels of 5 km, 7.5 km, and 10 km, the water vapor concentration was assumed to be  $2.4 \times 10^{-5}$  kmol/m<sup>3</sup>,  $7.2 \times 10^{-6}$  kmol/m<sup>3</sup>, and  $1.7 \times 10^{-6}$  kmol/m<sup>3</sup>, in general

agreement with the U.S. Standard Atmosphere. The ozone mixing ratio was assumed to be constant at 0.02 ppm (v/v).

The land and ocean areas were differentiated according to pollution source strength functions and their capacity to exchange the gaseous pollutants with the air. Since the oceans apparently act as sources of both  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{CO}$ , those locations assumed a supersaturation so as to describe the source. For methane, supersaturation corresponded to 1.8 ppm for ocean areas and 1.0 ppm for land areas, whereas for carbon monoxide, these values were 3.5 ppm and 0.2 ppm, respectively. In those grids that had both ocean and land areas, a weighted average corresponding to the fraction of ocean and land area was used. Due to the limited knowledge of gas species interaction with the various soil types, there was no differentiation according to the type of land area. For example, desert areas were considered the same as forested regions in this initial simulation. Since the absorption coefficient,  $K$ , is dependent on the Henry's Law constant which varies with temperature, the absorption coefficient for  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{CO}$  were latitude dependent. The basis for the variation of  $H$  were zonally averaged sea surface temperatures for January<sup>(73)</sup>. The absorption coefficient was the same for land and ocean areas at the same latitude.

The anthropogenic sources were approximately prorated according to the degree of urbanization. Therefore, the major amount of these sources were in the Northern Hemisphere.



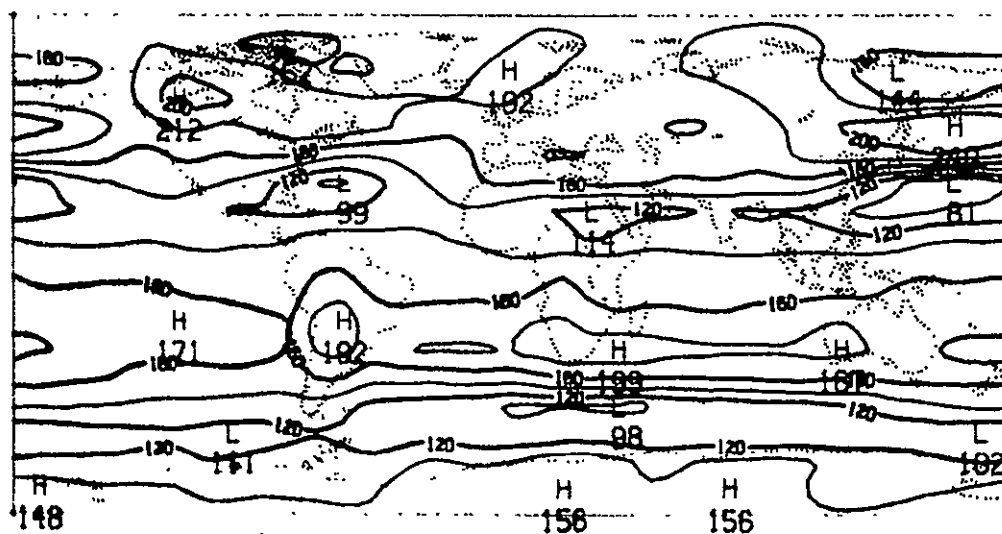
It was necessary to consider the position of the sun to account for the photochemical reaction rate constants and the apparent diurnal nature of the supersaturation of CO in the oceans. The declination angle was set at  $-20^\circ$  consistent with about mid-January, and the initial time for the integration corresponded to 12:00 Greenwich mean time.

#### Short Term Simulations

Only one other simulation of this type appears to have been performed. Kwok, Langlois and Ellefsen<sup>(74)</sup> used a general circulation model and incorporated only anthropogenic source estimates, with the atmosphere initially free of CO. In addition, their simulations did not include any possibility for homogeneous conversion of  $\text{CH}_4$  to CO. The present model has attempted to overcome these limitations.

At the present, only short term simulations have been performed, and longer term simulations are required. Typical results are shown in Figures 5 and 6. One of the important features, that of chaining of the isopleths due to the dominant westerly wind field, can be observed being formed. Kwok, Langlois, and Ellefsen<sup>(74)</sup> also noted this with their CO transport model.

Longer term simulations are being planned at this time. From those simulations, features such as the rate of interhemispheric transport, ground level source strengths, and the homogeneous conversion rate of  $\text{CH}_4$  to CO can be evaluated. These statistics will be used to validate and further refine the model.

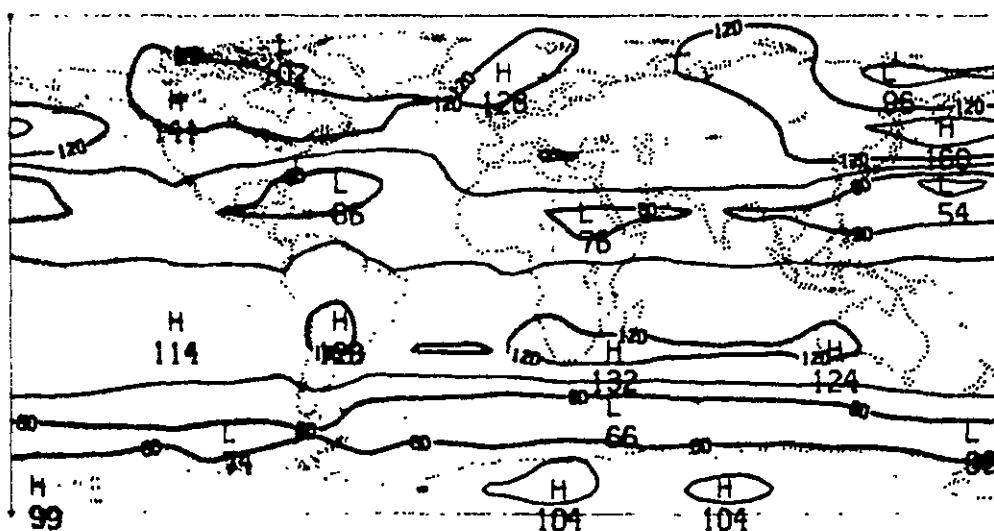


METHANE

TIME = 1.25 DAYS LEVEL = 6250 METERS

Figure 5

Dynamic transport/chemistry model simulation of methane concentration. Units on isopleths are  $\text{ppm} \times 10^2$ .



CARBON MONOXIDE

TIME = 1.25 DAYS LEVEL = 6250 METERS

Figure 6

Dynamic transport/chemistry model simulation of carbon monoxide concentration. Units on isopleths are ppm x 10<sup>3</sup>.

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